

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on January 12, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 152, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:01:10 Opening statements by Chairman Ryan

HEARING ON SB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:34 **SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10**, opened the hearing on **SB 152**, Education funding including kindergarten.

EXHIBIT(eds08a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:15 The Honorable Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger

EXHIBIT(eds08a02)

00:21:01 Jan Lombardi, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer

EXHIBIT(eds08a03)

00:23:19 Lionel Knight, Executive Vice President, First Interstate Bank, Billings

00:26:36 Spencer O'Brien, Junior, Anaconda High School

00:27:55 Lucas Wagner, Junior, Anaconda High School

00:28:51 Vince Lucier, Junior, Anaconda High School

00:30:00 Alexandra Hurley, Junior, Anaconda High School

00:30:51 Emma Johnson, Junior, Anaconda High School

00:33:10 Mike Foster, Self, Billings

00:35:14 Dr. Bob Ream, Self, Helena

EXHIBIT(eds08a04)

00:38:11 Loren Beugh, Friends of Big Sky

00:41:33 Barbara Rowley, Friends of Big Sky

00:45:54 Denver Henderson, University of Montana, Missoula and the Post Secondary Scholarship Program

00:47:24 Angela McLean, Teacher, Anaconda High School

00:48:58 Kristen Best, Program Manager, God's Love, Helena

EXHIBIT(eds08a05)

00:52:55 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

00:54:48 Sandy Lucky, Self

EXHIBIT(eds08a06)

00:56:49 Jacquie Helt, Self

00:59:05 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:04:06 Steve Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Bozeman Public
Schools

01:05:53 Keith Allen, Self

01:07:02 Michael Redfern, Superintendent, Bozeman Public Schools

01:10:17 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

EXHIBIT(eds08a07)

01:20:41 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality
Education Coalition

EXHIBIT(eds08a08)

01:30:35 Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

01:31:31 Hank Hudson, Administrator, Department of Public Health
and Human Services

01:33:20 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

01:40:57 Sherrie Downing, Self

01:43:39 Daryl Rudd, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:45:20 Carl Kochman, Montana Ambassadors, Montana Economic
Developers Association

EXHIBIT(eds08a09)

EXHIBIT(eds08a10)

01:46:06 Bruce Marks, President, Montana Student Loan Program Foundation

01:47:27 Jim Stipich, Montana Student Assistance Foundation

01:48:22 Dr. Charles Wilson, Glasgow School Board

01:51:07 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

EXHIBIT(eds08a11)

01:59:22 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

02:02:47 Adian Myhre, Friends of Big Sky, for Tim Anderson, Montana Real Estate Company of Big Sky

EXHIBIT(eds08a12)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:04:00 Sen. Dan McGee to Sen. Ryan, referred to Mr. Marks, Montana Student Loan Program Foundation

02:10:53 Sen. Robert Story to Mr. Marks, Montana Student Loan Program Foundation

02:12:37 Sen. Story to Sen. Ryan

02:14:32 Sen. Story to Ms. Quinlan, OPI

02:18:54 Sen. Jerry Black to Ms. Quinlan, OPI

02:20:27 Sen. Bob Hawks to Mr. Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

02:24:40 Sen. Story to Ms. Lombardi, Office of the Governor, referred to Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

02:26:21 Sen. Story to Ms. Lombardi, Office of the Governor

02:30:54 Sen. Story to Mr. Melton, MTSBA

02:32:04 Sen. Story to Superintendent Redfern, Bozeman Public Schools

02:34:39 Sen. Jim Peterson to Mr. Puyear, Montana Rural
Education Association (MREA)

Informational Testimony:

02:38:02 Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:10 Sen. Ryan closed on SB 152

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds08aad.pdf](#))